

Microsoft Office Protocols Readme

Microsoft has implemented four interoperability principles and corresponding actions across its high volume business products: (1) ensuring open connections; (2) promoting data portability; (3) enhancing support for industry standards; and (4) fostering more open engagement with customers and the industry, including open source communities.

Read the full [Microsoft News article](#).

Microsoft Office Protocols Introduction

<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=837986>

Microsoft makes available technical documents and other information about protocols, file formats, standards, and languages for a number of its most popular products, including various versions of Windows and Windows Server, Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Exchange Server, and Microsoft Office SharePoint Server. These technical documents enable and encourage a vibrant development community, resulting in smarter, interoperable products.

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Documentation Roadmap and Forum Information

To navigate the documentation set, follow these guidelines:

- If you are new to the documentation set and/or new to Office, you might find it useful to read the [Office Protocols Overview Documents](#). These documents explain the organization of the documentation set, concepts, and how protocols relate to each other:
 - [Office Client Protocols Overview \[MS-OCPROTO\]](#)
 - [Office Communications Server Protocols Overview \[MS-OCSPROT\]](#)
 - [Groove Protocols Overview \[MS-GRVPROT\]](#)
- If you are familiar with the documentation set and Office, use a link in the following table to view or download the technical documents in which you are interested.

Reference	Details
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